

REMARKS

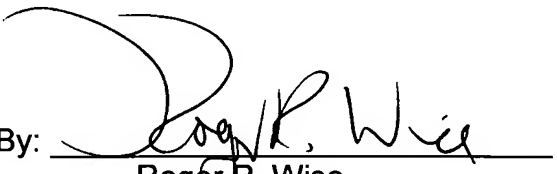
In a telephonic interview of November 9, 2004, Roger Wise, attorney for Applicant, elected to prosecute Group 1, claims 1-11, from the restriction requirement. Claims 12-36 are hereby canceled without prejudice, as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

The Examiner finds claims 1-11 allowable. Claims 10 has been amended for reasons of form. No new matter has been introduced. Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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